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TOWN OF BASSANO

Clean Up Day—
Citizens are hereby notified to clean up their premises on Wednesday, May 7th, 1941, for inspection by the Town Overseer.

By Order of the Council.
Jas. H. Donaldson,
Secretary Treasurer.

MAKEPEACE

(By our own Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mulien and family were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Campbell.

Mrs. Betty MacBeth of Calgary spent the Easter week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacBeth.

Tom's has a new tractor, the dust will sure fly up this way this summer.

Miss Betty Drummond is spending the Easter holidays with her parents in Nanaimo.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulien spent the Easter week-end visiting in Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hall made a hurried trip to Bassano Tuesday.

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Mr. R. Arrison of Monseignie visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Arrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Redhouse were visitors to Calgary during the Easter week-end.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Vassar of Grousefoot and Mrs. Murray and her daughter Myrtle.

Hele Martin is down helping Mrs. G. C. Campbell Kalsomines. Now girls which will get the most kalsomines, the walls or you?

Miss Caroline Beeler spent the Easter week-end with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brent, High River, returning via Calgary Monday.

E.D. NOTES

The Annual Meeting of the water users of the Eastern Irrigation District will be held at the Kelly Theatre, Brooks on Thursday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. and in the Community Hall, Countess on Friday the 25th April at 2:00 p.m.

The report of the Board of Trustees, the General Manager, and the Provincial Auditor will be submitted to the meeting. Notices calling the meeting have been posted throughout the District.

Those interested in fruit trees will have for sale this spring a limited number of fruit trees, apples and crab apples; which will soon be ready for distribution.

These will be done up in lots of six and twelve. There will be available about fifteen of each sized bundle. The price will be \$1.75 for six trees and \$3.00 for twelve.

The trees are varieties approved by the Provincial Horticultural Station and good bearing stock. They would cost much more than the above price.

If interested send your order at once accompanied with money, to the E.D. Office at Brooks.

Trees will be packed in orders as received and as many as available. Further notice will appear in this column as to when trees will be ready for delivery. It will be necessary for purchasers to call at the tree farm within the date specified in the notice.

In regard to muskrat Section 17 of the Game Act states:

"No person shall at any time spear or shoot a muskrat or have in his possession a permit issued by the minister authorizing him to do so."

It must be thoroughly understood that no one holding a permit to trap muskrats in the Eastern Irrigation District is authorized to shoot or spear muskrats.

Objective of \$1000 Exceeded in Bassano War Services Fund Drive

Remarkable Response Possibly Will Set Final Total Above 1500 Mark

More than doubling the objective of \$500 set by the National War Services Fund headquarters at Calgary, Bassano team workers have up to date raised one hundred dollars more than the amount set by the organization.

Contributions are not yet completed and there is every indication that a still higher total may be expected.

This remarkable response on the part of Bassano and surrounding communities, that war citizens are ready to roll up their sleeves in every way that they can.

While these funds will not be used to buy bombs, they will provide comforts for the boys need and give the government the confidence that comes from the thought that one is not forgotten by the folks back home.

The total cash received to date is in the neighborhood of \$1128.61, several points not having been heard from as yet.

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Obituaries

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE MR. MCLAREN

On Saturday April 12th at one o'clock the funeral service was held at the late Mr. Howard McLaren was held at the First Presbyterian Church at Bassano.

Mr. Harper & Mrs. Scott, the undertakers, conducted the service, his address being "The Resurrection Hope."

Howard McLaren was born at Princeton Ontario, in the year 1880, and resided in Bassano for many years.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and had just recently moved to Bassano to reside near his son, Mr. Wallace McLaren.

He died April 10th, following a short illness at the age of 60 years. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and had just recently moved to Bassano to reside near his son, Mr. Wallace McLaren.

The interment was made at Bassano Cemetery, the pall-bearers being Messrs. W. S. Playfair, J. Peterson, W. McLean, J. Schon, J. McDonald, and Constable A. L. Laine.

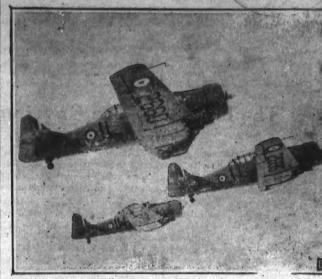
He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Elizabeth: two sons, Jim of Calgary and Roy of Bassano; one daughter Agnes; now Mrs. Harper of Edmonton, Manitoba, and one grandchild, Elizabeth Harper, all of whom were able to be present at the funeral.

The deepest sympathy of all goes out to the family in their bereavement.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Campbell, the district not heard from.

A complete report should be available next week, and meantime should it so happen that you have not made your subscription, it would not be late to do so. Contact any of the above.



TRAINING EMPIRE FLEDGLINGS—Wing tip to wing tip three North American Harvard trainers zoom into the clear Canadian winter sky. The pilots at the controls of these planes are studying advanced military flying at a Service Flying School near the R.C.A.F. at London, Ontario. These planes, equipped with retractable landing gear and capable of a speed of 300 miles an hour, are now manufactured in Canada.

E.D. REPORT SHOWS GAIN

Collections Down to Price, Harvesting Weather

Operations for the year ended December 31, 1940 resulted in a surplus of \$3,079 as compared with a deficit of \$14,000 for the previous fiscal year. This was shown in the annual financial report of the Eastern Irrigation District recently.

C. L. Charlesworth, manager of the district for two years, said in his report, "I would like to say there is satisfaction in knowing that we have come through a trying year financially, and that our substantial surplus while at the same time the condition of the irrigation works has been materially improved."

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SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Contributed)

The Eastern Irrigation District last Sunday evening was enjoyed by a large gathering of residents of Bassano and District.

The Pastor, Mr. Laine delivered an appropriate sermon on "Jesus Christ Our Easter" which dealt with the Easter subject in an unique and interesting manner, appealing greatly to all who had the privilege of hearing it.

Specimens given by the choir were certainly worth long to be remembered. Mrs. Wallace Flanagan, the choir leader is to be congratulated for her untiring efforts with the choir, also Mrs. Art Flanagan for her excellent organ playing. Sunday evening's presentation of Easter Hymns and Anthems were a credit to the choir and the leader, who were ably supported at the organ by Miss Phyllis Plumer.

The organist, Mr. M. Smiley, taken from Steiner's "Crucifixion" was ably sung it is to be hoped that we will have the opportunity to again hear this talented vocalist.

Miss Phyllis Brockbank spent the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brockbank, Bassano.

Mrs. Arthur Flanagan has been a guest at the home of her brother-in-law, Wallace Flanagan, Bassano, for the past several days, and was instrumental in arranging the choir work for the Easter Sunday service at Knox Presbyterian Church.

ROSEMARY

Mr. and Mrs. Narum St. celebrated their 3rd Wedding Anniversary on April 12th. Many friends and relatives joined in the celebration.

Most of the Rosemary people went to Brooks Saturday night to the 3rd Wedding Anniversary.

Getting stuck in the mud and having to walk home in the wee hours of the morning was the experience of most of them.

The piano players, George "The Prince" and his brother "The Mutual" was greatly enjoyed by the big crowd.

The young people are to be complimented on their splendid singing.

LATHON

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Redmond Walsh call at the Lathons at the home on Thursday.

Street Holmes called at the R. Walsh home last week.

R. Z. Lure was a Brooks visitor Tuesday last. He got stuck coming home from the Cassels last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lure were entertained by the Cockabut Co. in Calgary, who were home over Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were busily engaged in the preparation of the Easter dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lure were entertained by the L. Weins farm last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lure called at the Wurster home Sunday afternoon.

Tom Goldring went to his home in Coleman over Easter and the week following.

Mrs. C. M. G. Gadsby and son, Tom, Thursday night to Arrowwood, where they spent Easter returning Sunday afternoon by motor.

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The Press and The Government

Minications relating to the right of the press to criticise, command or suggest to government bodies, civic, provincial or federal, is often omitted. For that reason it is essential that the position of the press in its relationship to governmental bodies should be examined.

Many well-meaning people conscientiously believe that the press should express no conviction upon civic, provincial or federal affairs. They assume that to offer criticism is to become partisan. They confuse the meaning of the words "independent" and "neutral." There is a very important difference between the two. The individual is free to reserve the inalienable right of every citizen to approve or disapprove of any public matter without thought of servitude to any particular party or group. To be neutral is to avoid fairness to that independence was that same privilege of the individual to decide for himself, for which people have fought and died. The church has the right to attend to its own from party executives or religious dignitaries. To be neutral is to admit that one is not prepared to come to a decision, or make a stand on any matter, and therefore to leave it alone.

Members of civic bodies sometimes point out that newspapers have such a tremendous influence in the community, and that their circulation is so widespread that they are an influence upon those with whom they disagree. This is true only so far as the individual refrains to take advantage of the privilege granted by almost every newspaper of using the columns of the press to express his or her views. There is however, a much more important angle to this question. Newspapers are equipped to give more adequate study to municipal affairs than most individuals. At the same time, perhaps they have less time to do this. They are not usually as fully informed as those who write for newspapers. This is true only in so far as the individual refrains to use the privilege granted by almost every newspaper of using the columns of the press to express his or her views. The newspaper is often the only medium through which citizens may get a reasonably accurate picture of the community. They expect and have a right to know that their newspaper will keep them advised of what is going on, and will also through the information at its disposal, endeavour to interpret the news. The newspaper which fails to do this, is failing in what often amounts to its supreme task in the community.

Another function of some men and women in public office is that any criticism offered is a personal, rather than objective. That is not true. Newspapers have been known to conduct violently personal campaigns, but it is the exception rather than the rule, and if any criticism violates the laws of defamatory libel, the individual always has recourse to the courts.

The newspaper which comments in public affairs, far from being garrulous, is but fulfilling one of the most important and vital functions of the press. If it gets into its desire to be of service to the community, it will open its editorial columns to letters from those who have this privilege fail to avail themselves of the opportunity preferring to carry on a street corner or platform fused against the newspaper. By intelligent comment on public affairs the newspaper prevents the rise of unscrupulous men who seek office for private gain, and who often, through their influence, are able to have themselves overlooked by the civic administrators and the public. In this service alone newspapers have saved their communities from colossal financial loss and from racketeers who would use public office to enrich themselves.

Canada's Wheat Policy

When the basic facts in both the world wheat situation and the Canadian wheat situation are considered it is possible to draw a few inescapable conclusions.

The world wheat situation, complicated by the effects of the present phase of the war, has reached a critical stage during 1940-41, and will likely reach a still more critical stage in 1941-42. This exceedingly difficult world wheat position heavily rests upon Canada as the world's largest wheat exporting country.

(a) A limitation of marketing in 1941-42 to quantities of wheat which can be sold at home or abroad during the crop year 1941-42.

(b) Measures to bring Canadian wheat acreage to a point where the piling up of unreasonable surpluses will cease.

These proposals mark a new departure in Canadian wheat policy, but due consideration of the facts of the present wheat situation lead to the conclusion that they are unavoidable.

In adopting new policies to meet the present emergency, Canada is not alone. The United States, Argentina and Australia have also been, or are considering policies designed to reduce wheat production or deliveries in the immediate future. They, too, are feeling the effects of the situation which weighs so heavily upon the Canadian wheat industry.

The outcome of the present war will determine the kind of wheat industry which Canada and other exporting countries can maintain in the years to come. Victory for the Democracies means the re-establishment of international trade, and the opportunity for free peoples to buy the output of the countries they prefer and at which they are most proficient. These are the principles upon which a satisfactory world market for wheat rests and they can only be re-established in the world through victory in this war. Until this objective is accomplished, there will be many difficulties to be faced by the wheat industry of the western provinces and by the country as a whole.

Some of these nights the German battleships, Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, will be put out of commission by British aerial bombs. In the meantime they are afraid to venture out of British harbours.

With 80 per cent of the Dominion completely organized and with returns pouring in daily from outlying districts, the National Salvage Campaign is under way. Canadians are responding wholeheartedly to the plea, "Save the scrap to win the scrap."

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Germany's drive through the Balkans to the Aegean, the capture of Salomons and the growing strength of the Axis in the Battle of the Atlantic have over the well a decaying crisis. Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King postponed for a few days his scheduled visit to President Roosevelt, The House of Commons adjourned April 9th to April 20th but can be called back by telegraph if circumstances demand.

1. **Ministers of Defense.** Air and Navy make joint radio appeal for recruits. Upwards of 116,000 men will be needed to reinforce Canada's air force in the year of maximum power required during 1941. The army will absorb about 72,000; air force 35,000; navy 9,000 officers and men.

2. **Legal aid given to Bills** empowering the government to spend \$1,850,000,000 for war and non-war purposes.

(Total comprises: \$1,300,000,000 war appropriation for 1941-42; \$135,000,000 additional war expenditure in 1940-41; \$1,000,000,000 war supplementary estimated for non-war administration in 1940-41; \$77,000,000 interim supply, being one-sixth of total main non-war estimate for 1941-42.

3. **Parliamentary notice of Government amendment to Excess Profits Tax.** Amendments do not change essential character of measure which imposes levy of 75 per cent on all profits earned in excess of a fixed annual standard.

4. **Government company established to concentrate on expanding merchant ship building in Canada.** H. R. Macmillan of Vancouver heads new company. To take over new duties, Mr. Macmillan resigns chairman of the War Time Requirements Board. R. A. (Henry) Montreal, adviser on economics with Munitions Department becomes new chairman of War Time Requirements Board.

5. **Arrangements made for creation of Polish air force.** Canada to ultimate service overseas Canadian Government to give full co-operation in establishment of the force.

6. **Business conditions in Canada** according to the Department of Statistics recorded a gain of about 15.5 per cent in the first two months of 1941 over the same period in 1940. National income rose to \$4,784 million in 1940, recording a gain of \$757 million over the \$4,027 million published for the corresponding year. The tentative estimate of national income in the first two months of this year was \$835 million. This was 9.2 per cent or \$69 million above the level in the same period of 1940.

7. **British imports** will require at least 25,000,000 pounds of bacon and ham from Canada in the year beginning November 1st, 1940 in addition to the 425,000,000 pounds provided in the agreement.

(Additional amount will bring total expected shipment to 453,000,000 pounds, and \$250,000,000 shipped to Great Britain in the year ended October 31st, 1940.)

8. **Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply** during the week ended March 28th numbered 1716 and totalled \$13,056,835.

9. **Shipbuilding and aircraft again called for the larger orders.** The

ORPHEUM THEATRE

- Bassano, Alberta -

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

APRIL 18th & 19th

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— 1939 —

The 'QUINTS' in -

'GROWN UP'

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for the Soldiers.

— 1939 —

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

APRIL 25th & 26th

— "HIGH SIERRA" —

Starring — Ida LUPINO and

Humphrey BOGART.

Higher he went than man

has ever climbed... but he

couldn't escape his destiny

... and Dog "Earle, enemy of

the people."

Commanding Friday & Saturday

April 25th & 26th.

Shows will start at 8:30 p.m.

— 1939 —

ADMISSION PRICES

5 to 12 years 5c

13 to 15 years 75c

16 years and over 75c

Grand Pacific Development Company, Montreal, has given a shipbuilding order of \$1,320,000; Midland Shipyards Ltd., Midland, Ont., \$1,180,000. An aircraft order of \$5,000,000 goes to the Boeing Airplane Company of Canada Ltd., Vancouver.

10. **Lossing C. Christie, Canadian Minister to Washington, passes away in New York Hospital.**

The office of Minister to Washington was recently taken over by Lieutenant McCarthy, K.C. (Toronto). Captain Christie was a naval cruiser which intercepts two German merchant ships in South Pacific. Enemy vessels scuttled by their crews.

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Local Items

2nd Lieut. R. H. Donnison, young son of Mr. & Mrs. Donnison, Bassano, is with his father this week-end. Bob who recently was awarded his second lieutenancy was until recently, stationed at Nekhima, B.C. He is now at Camp Borden, Ontario, where he is taking a full training course prior to writing examinations for the first lieutenancy. We wish him the very best of success and congratulate him on the promotions he has received.

Tommy Lamont, accountant for the Bassano Branch, Royal Bank, was a Calgary visitor for the Easter Holidays.

Charlie Hanna motored to Calgary last Sunday, returning early Monday morning.

Miss Frances Rowes spent the Easter week-end in Calgary.

Archie McLean, who is working on the Youth Training staff at Calgary was a visitor in Bassano last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Christensen and child have been spending the last several days at the Imperial Hotel, Bassano. It is understood that Mr. Christensen was on his way to Rochester, N.Y., when Mrs. Christensen was taken ill and had to be confined in the Bassano Hospital.

Mrs. Hans Gieseke Brooks was visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lewis, for the Easter week-end.

Miss Florence Playfair is down from Medicine Hat spending the Easter Holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Playfair.

Miss Brown of the Bassano High School teaching staff left for Victoria, B.C., last Friday evening and will spend the Easter vacation at the home of her parents there.

This week's winners on the Victory Wheel are; Norman Wright, R. G. Cader, R. J. Walsh, Wm. Lin, Merl Pearson, Majorville; Peter Reiter, Galt, Galt.

The Fire Brigade is going to do their bit toward Canada's war effort by having a draw on the Victory Wheel every week for the next 16 weeks. As there are 16 members of the service, everyone will have a chance at winning a \$5 War Savings Certificate. Good stuff boys, that's the way to help get the transportation to convey old fuzzy lip to the hot spot.

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Betty MacLeod of Rosemary is spending this week with Shirley Smith.

Patricia Smith is spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. H. Dahl of Duchess.

CARD OF THANKS
We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness expressions of sympathy and comfort which we have extended during our recent bereavement as well as for the beautiful floral tributes to our loved one.

Mrs. Howard McLaren and Roy.

FOR SALE—1938 De Luxe Dodge Coupe. Guaranteed in perfect condition. 12,000 miles. Peterson's Garage, Bassano.

BARGAIN—Number of good doors, tracks and hangers for sale. A-1 for barn door. Joe Harris.

STRAYED

From the farm of John Koefoed near Highway about half way between Bassano and Galt. Lost his colt 3 years old. Bay, white stripe forehead, white hind legs, brand ZU on left hip. Anyone having information as to the whereabouts of same, please contact John Koefoed, Gleichen. Reward \$10.

— R. UBERTINO —

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